

Traffic engineering Highway Capacity Manual 2010

Uninterrupted traffic flow

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Introduction



Transportation - Traffic engineering

- Transportation (engineering) is the application of technology and scientific principles to the planning, functional design, operation and management of facilities for any mode of transportation in order to provide for the safe, efficient, rapid, comfortable, convenient, economical, and environmentally compatible movement of people and goods.
- Transportation engineering is a major component of the logistics, civil engineering and mechanical engineering disciplines.



Transportation - Traffic engineering

- Transportation engineering, as practiced by civil engineers, primarily involves planning, **design**, construction, maintenance, and operation of transportation facilities.
- The design aspects of TE include the sizing of transportation facilities (how many lanes or how much capacity the facility has), determining the materials and thickness used in pavement designing the geometry (vertical and horizontal alignment) of the roadway (or track).
- Operations and management involve traffic engineering, so that vehicles move smoothly on the road or track.

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Criteria to be meet:

- Land space criteria
- Environmental protected
- Economic criteria
- Urbanistical and architecture requirements
- Legal requirements
- Traffic safety
- **■** Traffic volumes



Define relevant operational stage of traffic facility based on existing (planned) traffic volumes and existing (planned) Geometry (in many variants).

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Evaluation of traffic volume (veh/h)

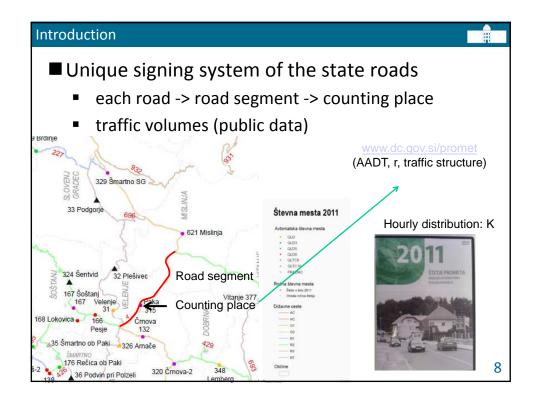
- Maximal hourly traffic volume in average day
 - based on 16. hours traffic counts in average day (normally in cities where no automatic counters exist);
 - based on AADT (K is defined on 300.st peak hour volume)

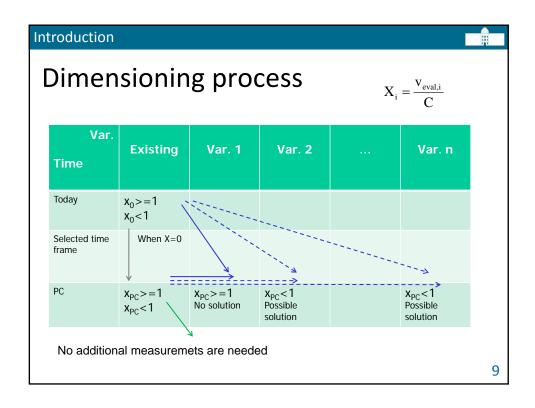
$$v_{eval} = K \cdot AADT$$

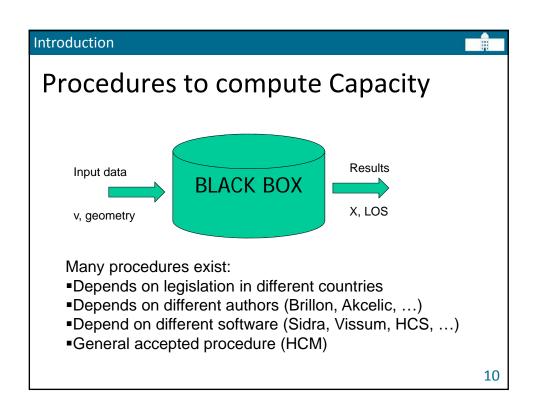
- Morning peak hour volume, afternoon peak hour volume etc.
- Existing traffic volumes, planned traffic volumes, planned traffic volume on the end of planning cycle (norm. 20 years for infrastructure facilities)

$$v_{\text{eval,PC}} = q_{\text{eval,today}} \cdot (1 + r)^{PO}$$

r - growth rate









LOS

- Level of Service (LOS) is a way of characterizing the performance of portions of the transportation system
- Traditionally, LOS has only been evaluated for automobiles
- Different ways of calculating LOS exist, but the Highway Capacity Manual (HCM) is most commonly accepted

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LOS in HCM

- An indication of quality of service
- LOS "A" through "F"
- F sometimes over capacity, sometimes just miserable conditions
- Based on service measures of effectiveness (MOEs). MOE's vary by chapter
- LOS Score for unmotorised trafic (bikes and pedestrians)
- MMLOS is a combination of LOF for all modes



MOEs in HCM

	Service Measures			
System Element	Auto	Pedestrian	Bike	Transit
Freeway Facility	Density			
Basic Freeway Segment	Density		<u> </u>	-
Freeway Weaving Segment	Density	-		
Ramp Junction	Density			
Multilane Highway	Density	-	Index ^a	-
Two-Lane Highway	% time following, Speed		Index ^a	
Urban Street Facility	Speed	Index ^a	Index	Index ^a
Urban Street Segment	Speed	Index ^a	Index ^a	Index ^a
Signalized Intersection	Delay	Index	Index	
Two-Way Stop	Delay	b		2-2
All-Way Stop	Delay		55	
Roundabout	Delay	-		
Interchange Ramp Terminal	Delay		22	
Off-Street Ped/Bike Facility		Space, Events ^c	Index ^a	

- (a) See Exhibit 8-3 for the index components.
 (b) Not directly calculated, indirectly accounted for by the street crossing delay component of the edestrian LOS measure for urban street segments
- (c) Events are situations where pedestrians meet bicyclists.

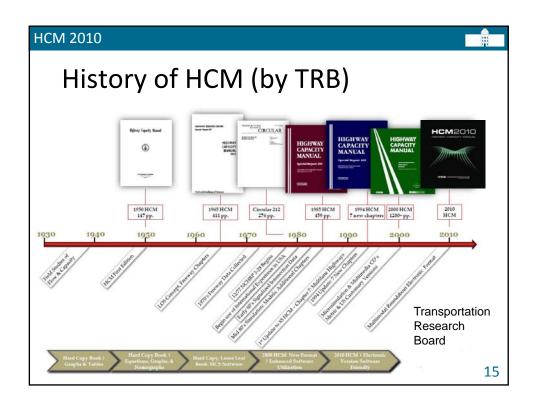
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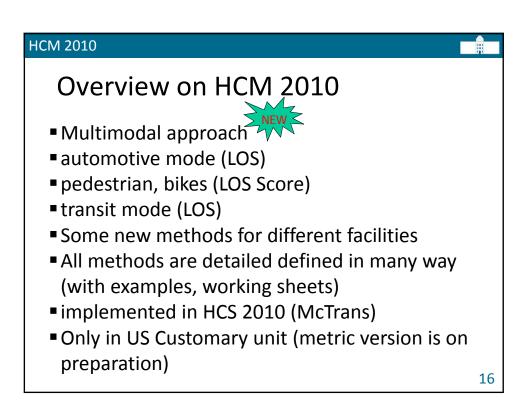
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Types of analysis in HCM

- Operational: Analyst applies methods directly and supplies all, or nearly all, of the required model inputs from actual or forecasted values. The analyses provide the highest level of accuracy but, also require the most-detailed data collection.
- Design: Analyst applies methods to establish the detailed physical features that will allow a new or modified roadway to operate at a desired LOS. Design projects are usually targeted for mid- to long-term implementation. Not all the physical features are reflected in the HCM models.
- Planning: In preliminary studies analyst applies methods using default values for some to nearly all of the model inputs. The results are less accurate than in an operations analysis, but the use of default values reduces the amount of data collection and the time required to perform an analysis.





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Organization of HCM



Volume 1 – Concepts

Volume 2 – Uninterrupted Flow Facilities

Freeways, rural highways, rural roads

Volume 3 – Interrupted Flow Facilities

Urban arterials, intersections, roundabouts Signals at freeway interchanges, Bicycle and Pedestrian paths

Volume 4 – Supplemental Materials (Website)

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Volume 2: Uninterrupted flow

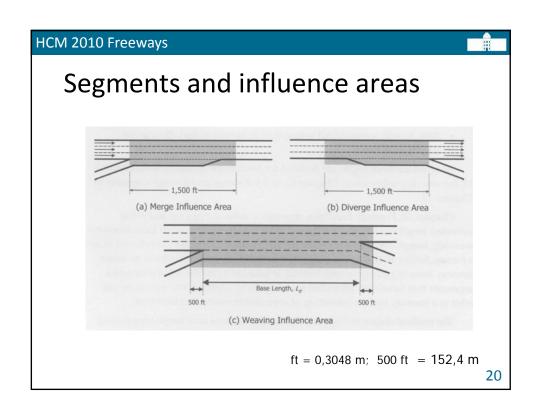
- Freeways:
 - Chapter 10: Freeway facilities
 - Chapter 11: Basic freeway segments
 - Chapter 12: Freeway weaving segments
 - Chapter 13: Freeway merge and diverge segments
- Multilane highways
 - Chapter 14: Multilane highways
- Two-lane highways
 - Chapter 15: Two-lane highways

HCM 2010 Freeways



Basic definitions

- Freeway is a separated highway with full control of access and two or more lanes in each direction dedicated to the exclusive use of traffic
- Ramp (freeway merge and diverge segment) in which two or more traffic stream combine to form a single stream (merge) or single stream divides to form two or more streams (diverge)
- Weaving segment in which two or more traffic streams travelled in the same direction (merge in diverge) without traffic signs. Two ramps are connected with by a continous auxiliary lane.



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Major limitations:

- Operation of oversaturated freeway segment (but not necessary oversaturated facility)
- Multiple overlapping breakdowns or bottlenecks
- Conditions where off-ramp queues extend back onto freeway or affect the behavior of exiting vehicle
- Operation of separated high occupancy vehicle (HOV) facilities
- Toll plazas operation
- Operation the segment where free flow speed (FFS) is below 90 km/h or above 120 km/h
- Ramp metering effect

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HCM 2010 Freeways – Basic segment



Basic freeway segment (Ch. 11)



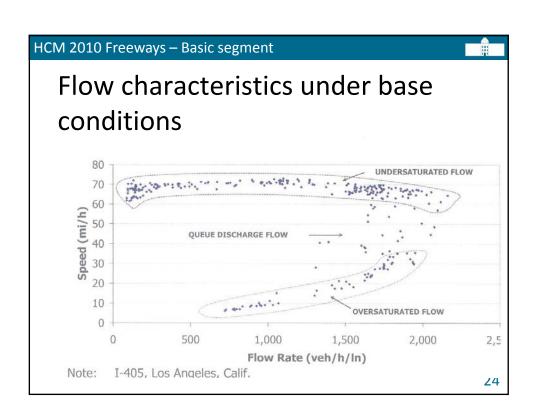
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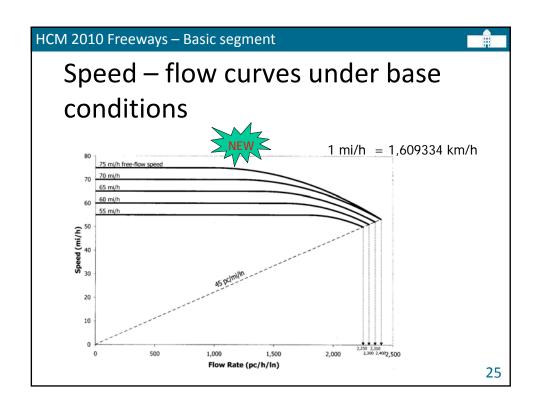


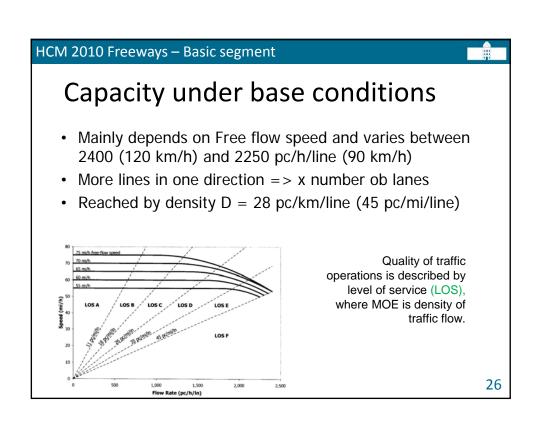
Basic segment is defined as a segment outside influence of merging, diverging or weaving. Basic segment have a same road and traffic characteristics.

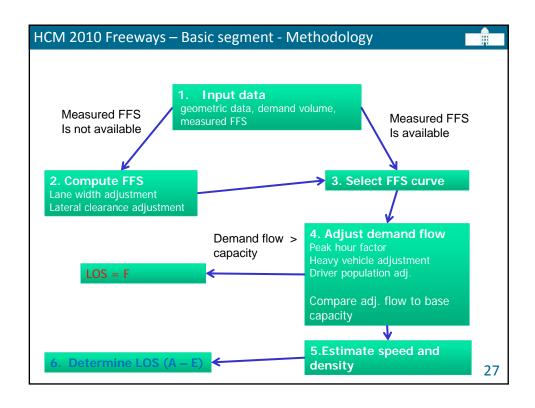
■ Base conditions:

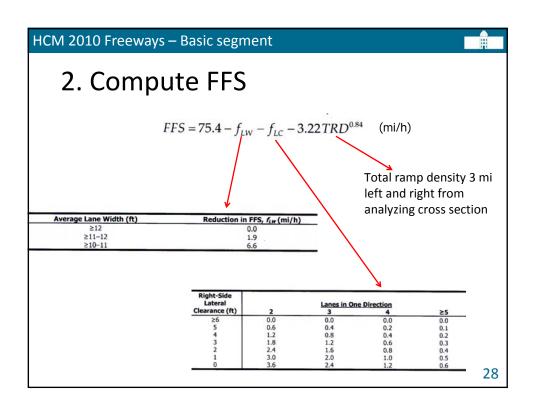
- Include good weather, good visibility, no incident or accident, no work zone activities and no pavement deterioration serious enough to affect operations
- No heavy vehicle in the traffic stream
- Minimum 12 ft (3,658 m) lane width and 6 ft (1,829 m) righ
 side clearance
- A driver population composed primarily of regular users who are familiar with the facility

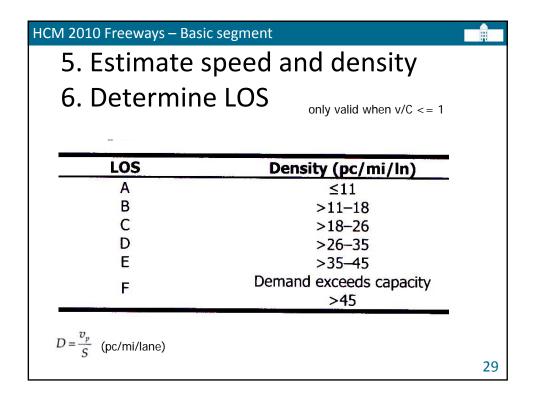


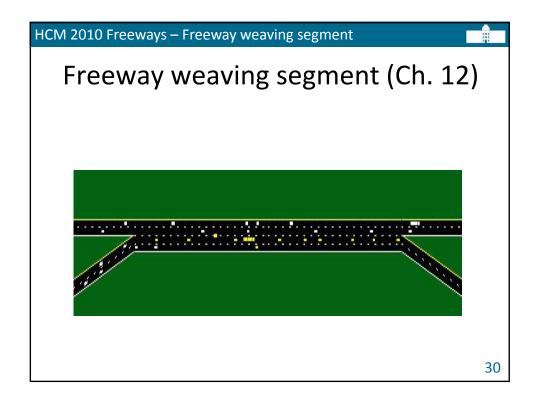


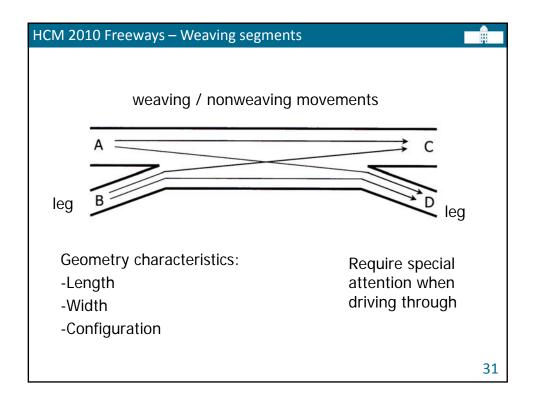


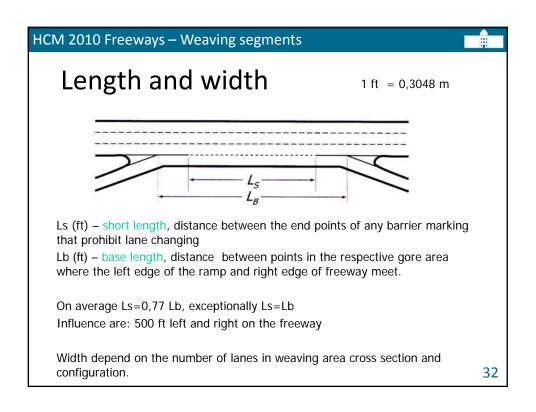












HCM 2010 Freeways – Weaving segments



Configuration of weaving segments

It is refers to way that entry and exit lanes are linked. The configuration determine how many lanes changes a weaving driver must make to complete the weaving maneuver successfully.

Types of configuration: one-sided and two-sided.



Configuration parameters:

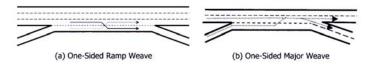
- LCrf min. number of lane changes that ramp to freeway weaving vehicle must make to complete maneuver successfully,
- LCfr min. number of lane changes that freeway to ramp weaving vehicle must make to complete maneuver successfully,
- Nwl number of lanes which a weaving maneuver may be completed with one lane change or no lane change

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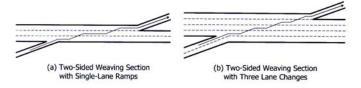
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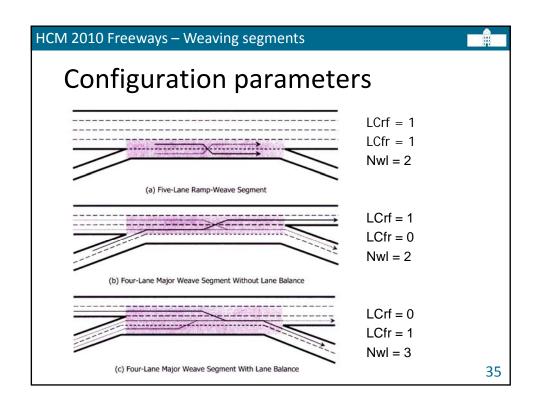
One-sided and two-sided segments

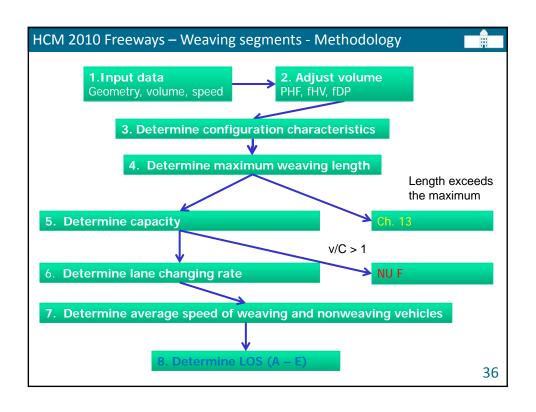


No weaving maneuver require more than two lane changes to be completed successfully



At least one weaving maneuver requires three or more lane changes to be complete successfully





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3. Determine configuration char.

Determine minimum rate at which weaving vehicles must change lane to complete all weaving maneuvers successfully - LCmin:

- One-sided weaving segments:

$$LC_{MIN} = (LC_{RF} \times v_{RF}) + (LC_{FR} \times v_{FR})$$
 (Ic/h) Nwl = 2 ali 3

- Two-sided weaving segments:

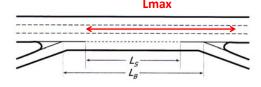
$$LC_{MIN} = LC_{RR} \times v_{RR}$$
 (Ic/h) NWI = 0

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4. Determine max. weaving length



Lmax is a length at which weaving turbulence no longer has an impact on operation within the segment (capacity).

$$L_{MAX} = [5,728(1+VR)^{1.6}] - [1,566N_{WL}]$$
 (ft)

Volume ratio by one-sided segments:

$$VR = \frac{v_w}{v} = \frac{v_w}{v_w + v_{Nw}} = \frac{v_{RF} + v_{FR}}{(v_{RF} + v_{FR}) + (v_{RR} + v_{FF})}$$

If Ls >= Lmax – analyze merge and diverge junctions as separate segments by using methodology in Ch. 13.

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 $c_W = c_{IWL} N f_{HV} f_p$ (pc/h)

5. Determine capacity

- By density: based on reaching a density of 43 pc/mi/ln

$$c_{IWL} = c_{IFL} - [438.2(1 + VR)^{1.6}] + [0.0765L_s] + [119.8N_{WL}]$$

- By demand flows: capacity is defined:

$$c_{_{IW}}=\frac{2,400}{VR}\quad \text{for } N_{_{WL}}=2 \text{ lanes}$$

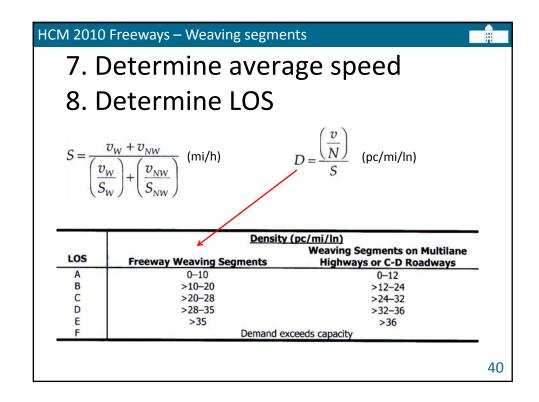
$$c_{_{IW}}=\frac{3,500}{VR}\quad \text{for } N_{_{WL}}=3 \text{ lanes}$$

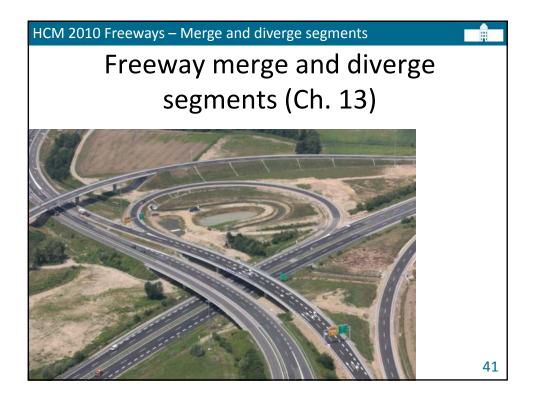
$$c_{_{W}}=c_{_{IW}}f_{_{HV}}f_{_p} \quad \text{(pc/h)}$$

Smaller value of capacity is used.

v/C ratio:

$$v/c = \frac{vf_{HV}f_p}{c_W}$$
 $v/C > 1 => NU F$ $v/C < 1 => NU A - E$



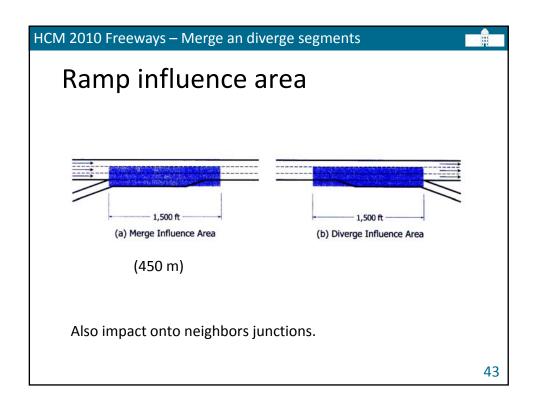


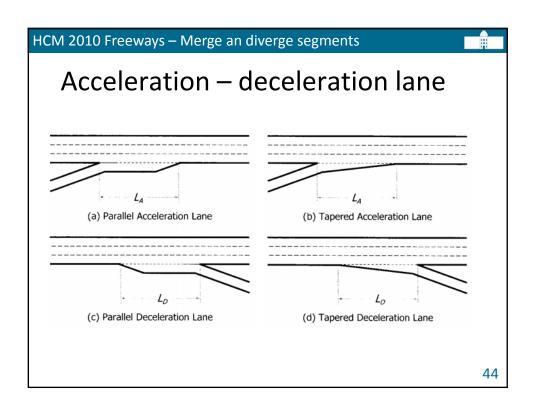
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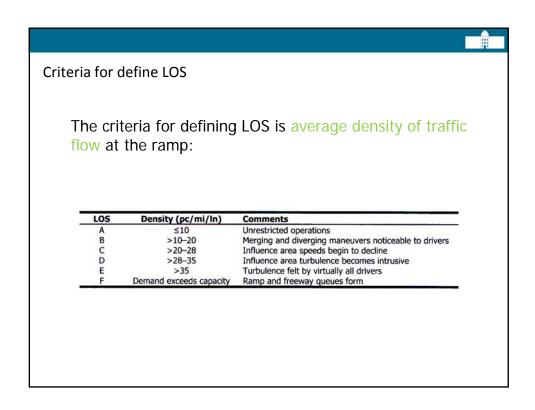


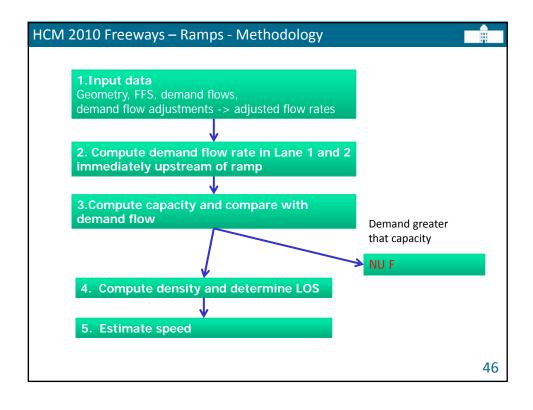
Classification of ramps

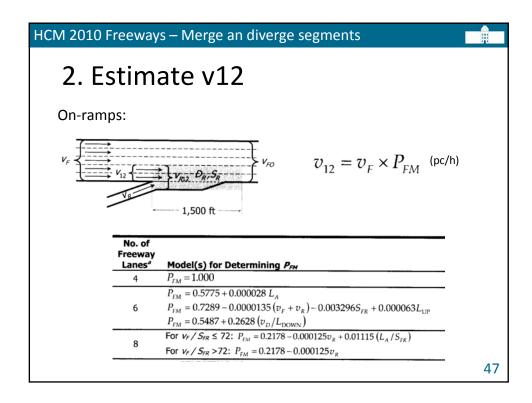
- Freeway junctions:
 - Ramp-freeway junction merge: on-ramp, diverge: off-ramp,
 - · Merging two major facilities: main merge junction,
 - Diverge two major facilities: main diverge junction;
- Majority of ramps are right-hand ramp join from the right, some are left-hand ramp;
- They may have one or two lanes. Before merging with freeway two lanes join into one acceleration on-ramp;
- Merge and diverge operations are affected by the size of freeway segment into one direction.

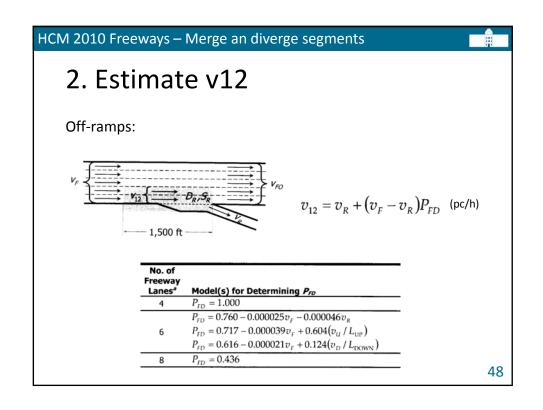












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3. Estimate the capacity

	Capacity of Upstream/Downstream Freeway Segment*				Max. Desirable Flow Rate (ν_{R12})	Max. Desirable Flow Rate (ν_{12})
FFS	No	No. of Lanes in One Direction			Entering Merge	Entering Diverge
(mi/h)	2	3	4	>4	Influence Area	Influence Areab
≥70	4,800	7,200	9,600	2,400/ln	4,600	4,400
65	4,700	7,050	9,400	2,350/ln	4,600	4,400
60	4,600	6,900	9,200	2,300/ln	4,600	4,400
55	4,500	6,750	9,000	2,250/ln	4,600	4,400

*Demand in excess of these capacities results in LOS F.
*Demand in excess of these values alone does not result in LOS F; operations may be worse than predicted by this methodology.

Ramp FFS	Capacity of Ramp Roadway		
S_{FR} (mi/h)	Single-Lane Ramps	Two-Lane Ramps	
>50	2,200	4,400	
>40-50	2,100	4,200	
>30-40	2,000	4,000	
≥20–30	1,900	3,800	
<20	1,800	3,600	

Capacity of a ramp roadway does not ensure an equal capacity at its freeway or other high-speed junction Junction capacity must be checked against criteria in Exhibit 13-8 and Exhibit 13-9.

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HCM 2010 Freeways – Merge an diverge segments



4. Estimate density and LOS

On ramps:

$$D_{\rm R} = 5.475 + 0.00734 v_{\rm R} + 0.0078 v_{12} - 0.00627 L_{\rm A} \quad {\rm (pc/mi/ln)}$$

Off ramps:

$$D_{_{\!R}} = 4.252 + 0.0086 v_{_{12}} - 0.009 L_{_{\!D}} \quad \text{(pc/mi/ln)}$$

LOS	Density (pc/mi/ln)	Comments
Α	≤10	Unrestricted operations
В	>10-20	Merging and diverging maneuvers noticeable to drivers
C	>20-28	Influence area speeds begin to decline
D	>28-35	Influence area turbulence becomes intrusive
E	>35	Turbulence felt by virtually all drivers
F	Demand exceeds capacity	Ramp and freeway gueues form



HCM 2010 Two-lane highways



Introduction

- The most common type of roads; one lane in each direction, passing maneuver,
- <u>Functions</u>: <u>efficient mobility</u> connection major trip destinations, <u>accessibility</u> to remote populated area, <u>serve</u> recreation areas, small towns, rural areas and community,

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Classification

- Class I: where motorists expect to travel at relatively high speed. Are major intercity routes and primary connector of major traffic generators. Long distance trips.
- Class II: where motorists not necesary expect to travel at high speed. Access route to Class I, recreational routes, pass throught rugged terrain. Serve relative short trips
- Class III: serving moderately developed areas. Local traffic mixed with trought traffic, density of acess points, Reduced speed limits reflect the higher activity level.

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Capacity

Capacity of two lane highway under base condition is 1700 pc/h in one direction with max. 3200 pc/h in both direction.

Base condition:

- Lane width >= 12 ft (3,658 m)
- Clear shoulders >= 6 ft (1,829 m)
- No no-passing zones,
- All passenger cars in the traffic stream,
- Level terrain
- No impediments to through traffic (traffic signals, turning veh.)

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LOS (automobile mode)

- Average travel speed (ATS) reflects mobility.
- Percent time-spending-following (PTSF) reflects the freedom of maneveur and the comfort and convenience of travel.
- Percent of free-flow speed (PFFS) represents the ability of vehicles to travel at or near the posted speed limit.

1 mi/h =

LOS	Class I Highways ATS (mi/h) PTSF (%)		Class II <u>Highways</u> PTSF (%)	Class III Highways PFFS (%)	1,609 k
A	>55	≤35	≤40	>91.7	•
В	>50-55	>35-50	>40-55	>83.3-91.7	
С	>45-50	>50-65	>55-70	>75.0-83.3	
D	>40-45	>65-80	>70-85	>66.7-75.0	
E	≤40	>80	>85	≤66.7	

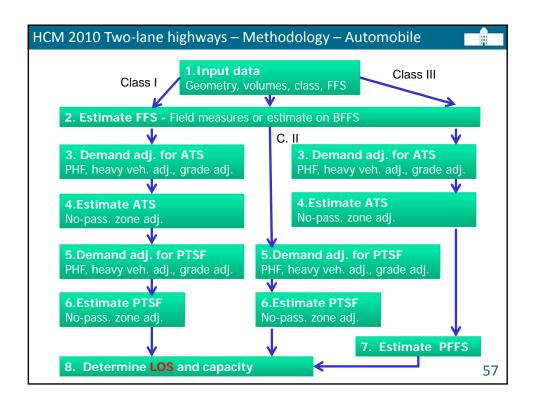
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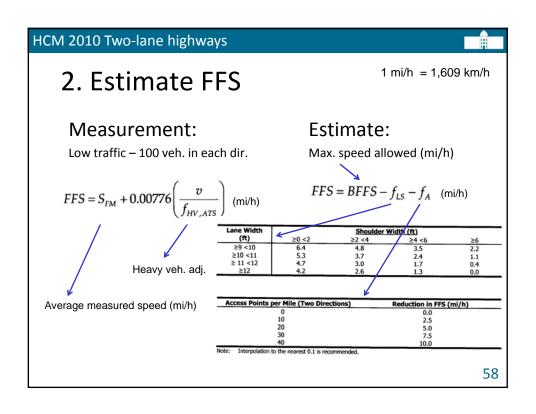


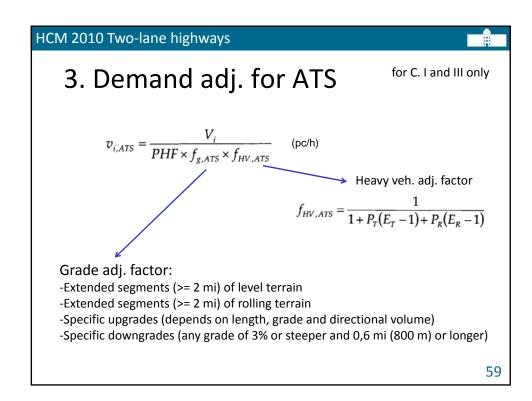
LOS (bicycle mode)

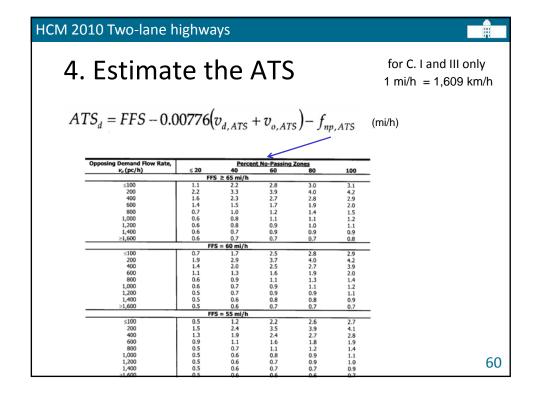
- Average effective width of the outside through lane
- Motorized vehicle volumes
- Motorized vehicle speed
- Heavy vehicle (trucks) volumes
- Pavement condition

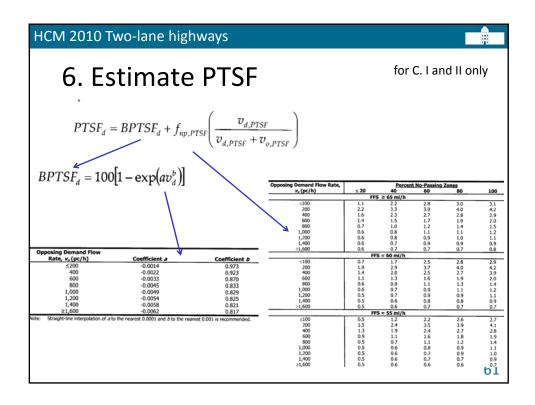
LOS	BLOS Score
Α	≤1.5
В	>1.5-2.5
С	>2.5-3.5
D	>3.5-4.5
E	>4.5-5.5
F	>5.5

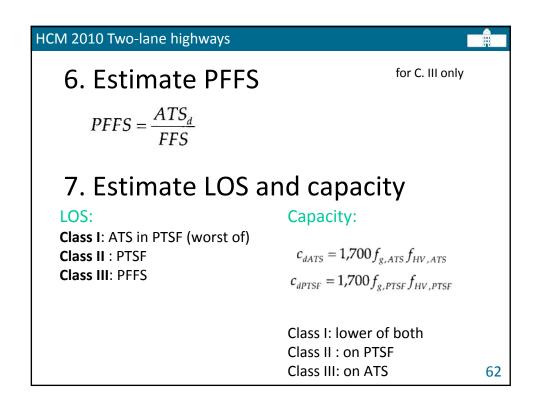


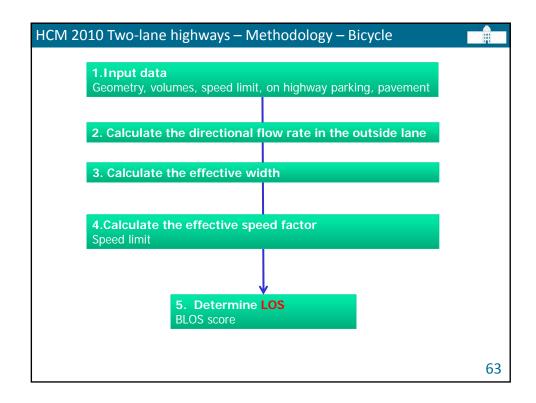


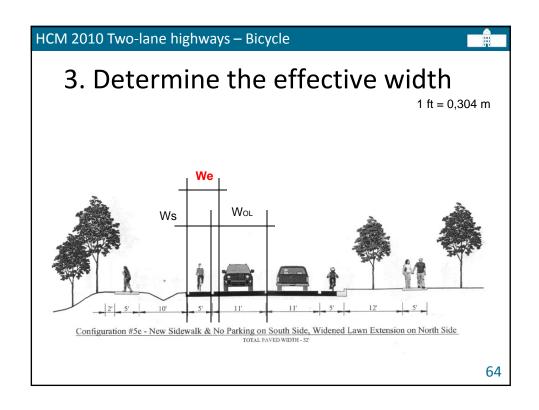












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3. Determine the effective width

1 ft = 0.304 m

If W_s is greater than or equal to 8 ft:

$$W_e = W_v + W_s - (\%OHP \times 10 \text{ ft})$$

If W_s is greater than or equal to 4 ft and less than 8 ft:

$$W_e = W_v + W_s - 2 \times (\%OHP(2 \text{ ft} + W_s))$$

If W_s is less than 4 ft:

$$W_e = W_v + (\%OHP(2 \text{ ft} + W_s))$$

with, if V is greater than 160 veh/h:

$$W_v = W_{OL} + W_s$$

Otherwise,

$$W_v = (W_{OL} + W_s) \times (2 - 0.005V)$$

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5. Determine the LOS

Effective speed factor

$$S_t = 1.1199 \ln(S_p - 20) + 0.8103$$

 $BLOS = 0.507 \ln(v_{OL}) + 0.1999S_t(1 + 10.38HV)^2$

 $+7.066(1/P)^2 - 0.005(W_e)^2 + 0.057$

Percentage of heavy vehicle

Average effective with for bikes

FHWA 5-point pavement surface condition rating

LOS	BLOS Score
Α	≤1.5
В	>1.5-2.5
С	>2.5-3.5
D	>3.5-4.5
E	>4.5–5.5
F	>5.5

